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PACIFIC COAST.

Portuguese Laborers are Basely Deluded.

SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO STOCK. Petaluma Will Probably Have a Silk Factory—Real Indians in a Border Drama.

The Appeal Court at Victoria, B. C., has sustained the Sunday closing law.

Steamboats on the Upper Willamette are to quit towing barges. It will not pay.

Telephone connection between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara has been made.

Montana mining companies are shutting down the mills, owing to the low price of silver.

Revenue officers at Boise City are successfully raiding Chinese shops for contraband opium.

The company for building and operating a silk factory at Petaluma, Cal., has been reincorporated.

San Bernardino and Los Angeles are made closer neighbors by a fiercer Southern Pacific has put on to run between the cities.

The Southern Pacific is to rebuild about eight miles of track on a higher level at Ochoa, east of Benson, A. T. This is done to avoid washouts.

The United States District Attorney at Boise City, Idaho, has requested the dismissal of the indictments against twenty Mormons accused of polygamy and adultery on the ground that the evidence is insufficient to convict.

A Boise City dispatch says: The reports floating through the press of large losses of stock in Southeastern Idaho are absolutely without foundation.

The Los Angeles Evening Express will be twenty-one years old on March 27 next, and the event is to be celebrated with a complete "new dress."

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PERSONAL MENTION.

The Late Duke of Clarence a Great Admirer of Mr. Gladstone—A Grand Duke Hissed.

Thomas A. Edison was 45 years old a few days ago. He was born in Alva, O., from which town he takes his middle name.

George Moore, the novelist and essayist, is a red-headed man, who looks very much, it is said, like Emile Zola.

The handsome man in Congress and a particular favorite among the women lobbyists is Mr. Durbin of Chicago, who is rich, a bachelor, but 34 years of age and has never made a speech.

The remarkable likeness between the latest accepted portrait of Columbus and the ordinary portrait of George Washington is appreciated at a glance. It is at least an interesting coincidence.

The Prince of Wales wears an 18 1/2 waist for (trousers 44) and 30 leg (for trousers 31). Contrary to general credit, especially in America, his tastes are exceedingly quiet.

The Car of Russia has become interested in cricket, and has organized two eleven among the young men of his court. Cricket in wintry Russia is almost as much of an exotic as football in South Carolina.

Senator Morrill is the patriarch of Washington whist players. He has a thoroughly scientific knowledge of the game, and gives a week at least he gathers about him a set of select players from among his friends in official life.

It has been said that Queen Victoria is the only person now living who knew Sir Walter Scott personally. But there is an old bookseller in Edinburgh who often talked with him; and it is thought probable that there must be still others who can do so.

Prof. Renouf, the eminent scholar in charge of the Assyrian and Egyptian collections in the British Museum for the last six years, is about to be retired from office under some civil-service regulations. It is thought to be impossible to fill the place satisfactorily.

One hears several different pronunciations of "khevide" whenever circumstances, as they lately have done, bring the Egyptian ruler into prominence.

The Duke of Clarence was an ardent admirer of Gladstone. On one occasion at the House of Commons, when the venerable Premier introduced his home-legal interest of the public, but evidently to obtain advantages for a newly organized company.

The Arizona and Sonora Land and Irrigation Company owns 1,500,000 acres of land in Northwestern Sonora and Arizona, and a canal will be built from a point twenty-eight miles from Yuma, running thence in a westerly direction, where it will irrigate 1,000,000 acres.

C. P. Huntington has instructed W. H. Mills, land agent of the Central Pacific, to make some large land purchases in California. Mr. Huntington writes: "We must break up large land holdings in California if we ever expect to make any great success with our railroads."

About twenty Portuguese laborers have been landed at Port Harford through the agency of an intelligence office in San Francisco, which represented to the men that labor was wanted at San Luis Obispo on street work.

"Nick of the Woods," a border drama, was put on the stage at Carson, Nev., the other night with local talent. Genuine Washoe and Plate Indians were in the stake dance, which is graphically described as so realistic that the "audience was spell-bound and timid ladies trembled as the apparently infuriated savages swooped their knives and hatchets in the face of Nick."

Chief Samuels of the horticultural department has returned from a trip to Florida and Cuba, where he stimulated interest in the exposition and secured the promise of many fine palms and other tropical plants to be exhibited in his department.

The Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia desires to erect a building in the exposition grounds, constructed entirely of material made by members of the club, with intent that it be headquarters for manufacturers not only of Philadelphia, but of the entire country.

Delegate Smith of Arizona has reported a bill from the House Territories Committee to ratify the act of the Arizona Legislature authorizing the issue of bonds to the extent of \$30,000, to enable the Territory to be properly represented at the World's Fair.

The women of Denver are engaged in raising \$10,000, with which to contribute something notable to the Colorado exhibit at the exposition. They purpose to get Preston Powers to reproduce in bronze, one-eighth larger than life size, his celebrated group, "The Closing Era," which represents a dead buffalo and a solitary Indian in melancholy contemplation of it—the two forming, as Bierstadt says in commending the project, a "perpetuation in bronze of a dual departing race."

A Pot-pourri of What is Being Done to Make the Chicago Exposition a Grand Success.

Michigan will expend \$12,000 to \$15,000 on its forestry exhibit and \$4,000 to \$5,000 on its display of fruits.

EASTERN ITEMS.

Race Trouble in an Ohio Public School.

COFFIN TRUST REORGANIZED.

Nicaragua Grants the Louisiana Lottery Company a Perpetual Charter—Etc.

Philadelphia has regained her normal condition of health.

New York capitalists will build Chicago's Lake-street elevated road.

The Indian appropriation bill reported to the House carries \$7,236,787.

The wheat crop in Tennessee has been badly injured by the late freeze.

Baltimore is soon to have an elevated railroad costing about \$1,000,000.

Worcester, Mass., is to abolish grade crossings at a total expense of \$2,094,000.

South Dakota will probably lose \$1,000,000 of its school fund in suits now pending.

A proposition is pending in the Iowa Legislature to substitute high license for prohibition.

Five of the county officials at San Antonio, Tex., are under indictment for embezzlement.

The Chicago gas trust admits that its customers have been paying for more gas than they consumed.

The Illinois State Board of Agriculture says the wheat area in Illinois is 4 per cent. larger than last year.

No more smoking is to be tolerated even in the hall or janitor's room at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

The coffin trust has been reorganized, and the prices of burial caskets will be advanced 20 per cent. within thirty days.

The merits of the bicoloride of gold treatment for drunks will probably be investigated by the New York Legislature.

The question of rebuilding the State University is absorbing more attention in the Missouri Legislature than any other subject.

An active discussion is going on in army and navy circles relative to the proper guardians of the coast—vessels of war or the artillery.

Every precaution is being taken against the spread of typhus fever in New York, and the prospect is that it will be effectively checked.

Race trouble in the public schools at Lebanon, O., is creating excitement. The opposition to both races attending the same school is becoming intense.

It has been ascertained that Lane, the defaulting Treasurer of Appanau county, Ia., is in Central America. His bondsmen have made good his pecuniaries.

NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Senator Allen of Washington Introduces a Bill Relative to Puyallup Indian Reservation Lands.

The President has appointed the following cadets at large to the United States Naval Academy: Paul E. Toinsig, John T. M. Terry, Frank E. Ridgely and Richard J. Oglesby, Jr.

The Senate Committee on Finance has agreed to make an adverse report on Senator Coke's bill providing for the retirement of national bank circulation, to replace it with treasury notes and to permit national banks to loan money on real-estate security with interest at 5 per cent.

Delegate Caine of Utah presented a memorial from the Legislative Assembly of Utah asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 for a public building at Salt Lake City, \$250,000 for a public building at Ogden, \$100,000 for the same purpose at Provo and \$75,000 for a building at Logan.

Mr. Powers of California introduced a bill to provide for the establishment of a District and Circuit Court of the United States at San Diego. The bill provides that court shall be held in the southern district of California at San Diego the first Monday of June and December of each year.

A bill has been introduced in the House authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to reserve from public sale or entry unsurveyed lands within the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington. The bill aims to carry into effect those provisions of the act admitting these States to the Union, granting to them lands for educational and other purposes.

Senator Allen of Washington has introduced a bill to secure removal of all restrictions upon the title of the Puyallup Indian reservation lands and permitting the alienation of these lands, with the exception of the portion of the reservation within the heavy black lines on the map and accompanying the report of the Puyallup Indian Commission, comprising in all about 25 1/2 acres. It also provides for the public sale of these lands as provided for by the State Legislature.

Secretary Rusk in answer to a Senate resolution has communicated to the Senate the report of the special agent of the Department of Agriculture upon the rain-making experiments. General Dyess, who is in charge of the experiments, in summarizing their results says: "The few experiments made do not furnish sufficient data from which to form a definite conclusion or evidence upon which to uphold or condemn the theories of the artificial production of the increase of rainfall by condensation."

What has been done in regard to the preliminary, but with the benefit of the experience gained I hope the subject will be pursued.

A statement has been laid before the House from the Commissioner of Customs showing a \$1,711,061 drawback allowed by the government on tin cans, etc., manufactured from imported tin plate and exported from October 1, 1890, to December 31, 1891. Another statement shows the amount of drawback allowed on imported salt used in curing meats exported from October 1, 1890, to December 31, 1891, aggregated \$92,201. Included in the third statement was a table giving the quantity and value of salt imported and withdrawn from the customs for the purpose of curing fish, the duty on which, remitted under the act of October 1, 1889, aggregated \$12,995,600, valued at \$102,854.

Mr. Gillespie of Pennsylvania has introduced a bill in the House authorizing the Secretary of War to correct the record of the released prisoners of war who were at Camp Parole, that the muster-roll shall date from the discharge from camp or other place where they were still subject to military control instead of the date of the muster-out of the regiment to which they were attached, which muster-out occurred before their discharge aforesaid, and that there be allowed and paid to these soldiers pay and allowances to the date of their actual discharge. Such claims shall be determined and reported to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall prepare an estimate for the amount required to pay these soldiers.

Mr. Stump of Maryland has introduced a concurrent resolution directing the Senate and House Committees on Immigration and Naturalization to inquire into the recent admission into the port of New York of a large number of European emigrants afflicted with typhus fever, and to investigate jointly the workings of the various laws of the United States relative to immigration from foreign countries and the importation of contract laborers to the United States and the expenditures made in connection therewith, the investigation to be conducted at such times and places as the committees may deem proper, and they be authorized jointly as full committees or through subcommittees to send for and examine persons, books and papers and to administer oaths to witnesses.

Representative Robert Hitt of Illinois is authority on diplomatic service in the House by reason of his connection with the diplomatic service at home and abroad and also his long service in the Committee on Foreign Affairs. In connection with the controversy now going on between certain members of the House as to who shall have the credit of forcing the passage of the Chinese exclusion act, Mr. Hitt says the various acts proposed are in direct violation of the treaty with the Chinese government. He is not posing as the Chinaman's friend, but he is disposed to believe that there is more political sentiment than anything else mixed up in the Chinese question. There are men in Congress to-day from the Pacific Coast who have small armies of Chinese servants at home, and in private conversation they declare that they could not get along without Chinese domestics. "If the Chinese finally concluded to go," he continues, "and there was no further continued, to agitate the question, some of our political friends would be out of a job."

The same condition of affairs would result, he said, if the tariff and the silver questions were finally disposed of just before 9 months old in charge of two children, aged 11 and 9 years, named Mark and Lina. Mark, it seems, soon after the mother left, killed and mangled the babe with an ax; then he took a fork and gouged out the eyes of the little one, which he roasted, and taking a slice of flesh out of either jaw, he and his sister sat themselves down and devoured the flesh.

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FOREIGN LANDS.

Brussels to be Made a Real Seaport.

LABOR QUESTION IN VIENNA. Negotiations for a Commercial Treaty Between Italy and Switzerland Broken Off.

Berlin Socialists will make a May-day demonstration.

The elections in Japan have been attended with serious riots.

The Irish local government will not be pressed in Parliament until after Easter.

Disastrous storms, with heavy rains and overflowing rivers, are reported in Spain.

Petroleum has been struck (700 barrels a day) in India by the Assam Railway Company.

The negotiations at Zurich for a commercial treaty between Italy and Switzerland have been broken off.

The Cardinals are said to have voted in favor of electing an Italian in the event of the death of Pope Leo.

They are growing uneasy in England over the neglect of good citizens to take an active part in municipal life.

England is building two war vessels of 9,000 tons. Spain has ordered three armored cruisers of 9,200 tons displacement.

A cable dispatch to the Guatemalan legation at Paris says that the revolt led by Enriquez is suppressed and Enriquez is dead.

The telephone line between London and Paris has worked so well that another will be laid between London and Brussels.

Rumors are current in London and Liverpool of impending difficulties in the corn and cotton trades, owing to a serious decline of prices.

Daily orders in Russia prohibiting the transportation of grain from one district to another alarm merchants, who fear confiscation of their stocks.

Joachim Lileel, son of the famous patriot and historian, has been arrested at St. Petersburg on a secret charge and sentenced to banishment to Siberia.

At the end of the year the Telephone Company of Austria will cease to exist, the government assuming control of all the telephone lines of the kingdom.

In Vienna the labor question is assuming a grave aspect. The winter has been exceptionally severe, and thousands of workmen are on the verge of starvation.

The Russian imperial prohibition upon the exportation of grain is about to be suspended in favor of the owners of 100,000 pools of water now lying at the Baltic ports awaiting shipment.

An Odessa correspondent says that a protest against the imposition of military service the German colony at Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, has decided to emigrate en masse to the United States.

The action of the King of Portugal in voluntarily relinquishing 20 per cent. of his income from his civil list has already led to a demand in the Senate at Madrid that the Spanish King shall follow suit.

Prof. Kippay, a well-known painter and collector of Berlin, has been sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Constance for illegally appropriating curios belonging to the church of Altissimum.